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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 MICHAEL RINALDI,

1:10-cv-101 (HC)

12 Petitioner,

ORDER TRANSFERRING CASE TO THE
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

13 v.

14 H.A. RIOS, JR.,

15 Respondent.
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17 Petitioner is a federal prisoner proceeding pro se with a petition for writ of habeas corpus
18 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241.

19 On January 19, 2010, Petitioner, who is currently incarcerated at Atwater U.S. Penitentiary,
20 filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus in the United States District Court for the Eastern District
21 of California. However, Petitioner was convicted in the United States District Court for the Middle
22 District of Pennsylvania.

23 Federal courts have authority to grant writs of habeas corpus "within their respective
24 jurisdictions." 28 U.S.C. § 2241. The court issuing the writ must have personal jurisdiction over the
25 custodian. See, Braden v. 30th Judicial Circuit Court, 410 U.S. 484, 495, 93 S.Ct. 1123, 35 L.Ed.2d
26 443 (1973); Malone V. Calderon, 165 F.3d 1234 (9th Cir. 1999); Subias v. Meese, 835 F.2d 1288,
27 1289 (9th Cir.1987). Without such jurisdiction, the Court has no authority to direct the actions of the
28 restraining authority. See, Malone, 165 F.3d at 1237. In the interests of justice, a federal court may

1 transfer a case filed in the wrong district to the correct district. See 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a); Starnes v.
2 McGuire, 512 F.2d 918, 932 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

3 The Petitioner in the instant case is not incarcerated at a facility within this Court's
4 jurisdiction. Accordingly, in the interests of justice, the Court HEREBY ORDERS the instant action
5 be transferred to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

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8 IT IS SO ORDERED.

9 **Dated: February 4, 2010**

/s/ Dennis L. Beck
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE